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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, 25-27 March 1977

1. I attended the 29th Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, during 25-27 March 1977. The meeting consisted of 61 panel discussions and numerous films reflecting a wide range of disciplines in Asian studies. There were also extensive book exhibits and various business sessions.

2. A number of CIA analysts attended the meeting, but none participated in any of the proceedings. The prevailing climate of the AAS does not seem as conducive to Agency participation as that in similar associations, such as the International Studies Association. The Committee for Concerned Asian Scholars held meetings in tandem with the AAS sessions. At its most publicized meeting, "CIA Use of Academics," the committee urged attendees to "rip up" their research rather than let it be used by CIA. They also suggested people submit FOIA requests for information regarding their universities' relationships with the CIA.

3. At a meeting of next year's Program Committee, Chairman Robert Tilman announced the new AAS policy that participation in panels would be limited to members of the AAS. The deadline for submitting panel proposals for next year's meeting, scheduled for 31 March-2 April in Chicago, is 1 August 1977. Necessary information is available in our office.

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